漆黒の夜の闇を切り裂いてそれはやい閃光が炸裂する。
その光は、見たくもない醜悪な素顔を浮かび上がらせる。
邪鬼の眼窩ほど暗たんとした虚しさの虚栄と傲慢だ。
外の暴雨は狂気をはらみ、地獄の底のドラムのように
響を叩き付ける。が、獲物の鮮血の血切り音は
それをも上回る——はずだった。
なぜだ。なぜお前はそうも落ち着いていられる。
死の深淵に立ち、なぜ怖えぬ。
何者だ!?
——後に裏社会で神様の男と呼ばれる赤木しげるだった。

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あらすじ

昭和33年。チキンランを生き残った少年・赤木しげるは、初めて打つ麻雀でも異才を発揮し、ヤクザ相手の勝負に次々と勝利を収めてゆく。

昭和40年。退屈に倦んだ資産家・鷲巣は、血液を賭ける狂気の麻雀を行っていた。彼の餌食となった若者の中にかつてアカギと戦った"ニセアカギ"がいた。アカギ・仰木・安岡の3人は、殺人鬼・鷲巣を狩るため、生き血を賭けた勝負・鷲巣麻雀に挑んだ。3回戦、鷲巣の手がドラ8に化けるが……!?

登場人物

鷲巣

権力を利用して巨万の富を築いた老人。麻雀で若者の命をもてあそぶ。

安岡

不良刑事。アカギを立てて鷲巣の資産5億円を奪おうとしている。

仰木

稲田組の若頭。安岡の誘いに乗りアカギを使って鷲巣に挑戦する。

鈴木

鷲巣の部下。今回の対局の鷲巣のアシスタント役。

【鷲巣麻雀概要】

アカギが半荘6回戦を戦い抜けばアカギ側の勝利。途中でアカギが絶命すれば、それまでに得た現金も全て没収、鷲巣側の勝利となる。

●レート:1000点=100万円=血液100c.c.。アカギと鷲巣のサシ勝負。ウマ(1万・3万)・オカを加算したポイント差で半荘ごとに精算。アカギの致死量2000c.c.は点棒2万点に相当し、鷲巣の現有資産5億円は50万点に相当する。

●ガラス牌:1種4牌のうち3枚が透明ガラス牌。

●ボーナス払い:半荘精算時以外にも、アカギと鷲巣の間で直接点棒の移動があった場合には、その局ごとに血液or現金をやりとりする。

●鷲巣側の特例:半荘2回を区切りとして勝負を続行するか、途中終了するかを、鷲巣側のみ選択できる。

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TRANSLATED BY SASAYAKI YAKO
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ざわ…

ざわ…

ざわ…

CHAPTER 100 - RINSHAN

第100話 嶺上 (リンシャン)

WASHIZU MAHJONG, THIRD MATCH

KHU-
HU-
HU-
HU-
HU-
HU
...!

THIRD MATCH, EAST 2ND ROUND
WASHIZU: 21,000 POINTS,
DOWN 121.5 MILLION
(-1000 POINTS FROM RIICHI)

AKAGI: 37,000 POINTS, 1100 CCS
FUNDS FROM WASHIZU:
+121.5 MILLION YEN

EAST 2ND
ROUND

13TH TURN

IT SUR-
PASSES
EVERYONE'S
WILDEST
IMAGIN-
ATIONS!

WASHIZU'S
LUCK IS
SIMPLY
INFATHOM-
ABLE...

BUT
EVEN
SO
...

THE KID'S
SENSES ARE
SHARP, TO
BE SURE...

HE'S
GONE AS
FAR AS IS
CONCIE-
VABLE...!

HE'S
... A
MON-
STER
...!

.....

KHU-
HU-
HU-
HU...!

WASHIZU
HAS JUST
CALLED A
DORA 8
...!!

WASHIZU-SAMA'S LUCK SURPASSES ANYONE ELSES'...!

THIS MAN I WORK FOR

...

...WHAT WILL HAPPEN!

I CAN NEVER KNOW ...

I DON'T KNOW...

NOW, SHALL WE CONTINUE ...?

KHU-HU-HU-HU ...

KHU-HU-HU ...

THAT COMES WITH THE KAN I JUST MADE ...!

ALLOW ME TO DRAW THE NEW DORA...

BEFORE I TAKE MY DEAD WALL DRAW...

ゆら...

NOW... CARRY ME...!

GH ...!

TAKE ME TO THE HIGHEST OF HEIGHTS ...!

I WANT MORE...!

SHHHH...

EVEN MORE!!!

MORE ...!!

ゴゴゴ

GIVE ME MORE ...!

MORE THAN EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE!!!

WHA ...?!

ｵｵｵ

WHA ...?!?!

WHA ...?!

WHAT IS THIS ...?!?!

HEH ...!

KHAAA- HAH- HAH- HAAAH!

KHU- HU- HU- HUUU!

HEH-HEH... HEH- HEH-HEH- HEH./

KEE- HEE- HEE-HEE- HEE-HE!

...

KHAH-HA-HA-HA...!!

KHO-HO-HO-HO...

KUUU KHU-HU HU-HU-HU...!

OH, AKAGI_

KUUUN...

DO YOU SEE ..?

THIS KIND OF THING SURROUNDS MAHJONG ...

IT'S THE NEW DORA TILE...!

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS ..!

IT'S THE WILL OF DEMONS, MY BOY ...!

NO !! .....

AAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAA
AAAAAAAAAA
UUUUUUUUUU
UUUUUUUUUU
GGGGGGGGGG
GGGGGGGGGG
HHHHHHHHHH!!!!!

AAAUUU
GGGHHH
...

I-SOU
DAIJI!

KHU-
HU-
HU-

KHA-
HA-HA-
HA-
KEE-HA"
HEE-
HEE-
HEE"

KUU-
HU-HU-
HU-HU
HUUU'

THAT'S A...!!

THEN ...!!

IF IT'S I-SOU AGAIN, THEN ...!!

DORA 12.....!!!!

ごぉ…ごぉ…

ごぉ

ZA…

DORA

12?!?!?!

KHU-
HU-HU-
HU-
HUUU
...

IT CAN'T BE...!!

IT CAN'T ...

NO WAY ...!!

KH ...!!

I'M BEING PUSHED ...!

HO-HO-
HO-HO-
HO-HO-
HO-HO
HOOHHH
..

KHUU-
HU-HU-
HU-HU-
HU-HU!!

THIS IS IMPOS-SIBLE!!

SOMETHING PUSHING... WITH UNNATURAL STRENGTH...!

THERE IS SOMETHING PUSHING ME DOWNWARD ...!

IT IS PERCHED ON MY BACK...

SOME WANDERING SPIRIT FROM THE OTHER SIDE...!!

IT IS HERE RIGHT NOW...!

KHU-HU-HU-HU..

IT'S HERE!

THEY ARE STANDING ON TOP OF EACH OTHER... PILING UP HIGHER AND HIGHER ON MY BACK...!

IT'S HEAVY .. OH .. SO VERY HEAVY ..!!

THEY ARE COMING TOGETHER NOW...!

OH... THE DEMONIC SPIRITS...

GHHH... KHHHH.. HUUUU ...

...I CAN'T HOLD UP MY POSTURE ANY LONGER ...!

WITH THIS OLD BODY OF MINE...

IT IS SO VERY PAINFUL ...!

.....

ゴゴゴ

KHU-HU-HU-HU-HU HU...!

KEE-HEE-HEE-HEE-HEE ...!

KHA-HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH-HAH...!!

HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH ...

THERE IS SO MUCH LUCK, IT IS PAINFUL ...!!

KHUUU-HU-HU-HU-HU HUUUUU...

.....

GOGO

GOGO...

.....

GOGO

GOGO...

IT S DEFIN TE ..!

THERE IS NO DOUBT ..

AND SINCE IT S ..

DON'T YOU SEE...? ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE FOR ME, NOW...!

I WILL SOON DRAW THE WIN-NING TILE...!

AND THAT MEANS ..

SO VERY PAIN-FUL ...!

HEH... HEH-HEH .. HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH...

HEH-HEH-HEH-HEH ...

LOOK AT THE PROOF .. THAT I AM POS-SESSED...

...BY THE OTHER-WORLD-LY...!

LOOK AT IT, AKAGI ...!

AKAGI SHIGERU, YOU SHALL PERISH ...!!!

YOU WILL MOST CERTAINLY DIE...!

I AM MAKING NO EXAG-GERATION WHEN I SAY THIS !

OF COURSE YOU WILL!

KHU-HU-HU-HU-HUUUU!

.....

YOU SIMPLY MUST UNDER-STAND!

YOU SEE ..

KHU-HU-HU-HU-HU ..

IT WILL BE YOU ..!

THAT IS THE ONLY FEELING YOU CAN HAVE...

...YOU MIGHT HAVE HAD A SLIM CHANCE FOR SUR-VIVAL...

BUT ..

800

1100

THAT WOULD BE 1900 CCS OF BLOOD LOST SO FAR, SO ...

IF IT STOPPED AT DEALER BA MAN TSUMO, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST 8000 POINTS FROM EVERYONE ...

YOU'VE LOST 1100 CCS SO FAR, AND W TH THE 1600 ADDED ONTO THAT, IT WOULD BE 2700 CCS IN TOTAL..

1600

1800

YOU DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHT-EST CHANCE!

IT WILL BE A DEALER YAKUMAN!

NOW THAT I HAVE 14 HAN IN MY HAND ..

YOU SHALL DIE!

THERE IS NO ROOM FOR SUP-POS NG!

THERE IS NO WAY OUT OF IT... YOU WILL MOST ASSUREDLY DIE……!!

WASHIZU ...

...TAKES HIS DEAD WALL DRAW ...!

KH ...!!

GH ...!!

KEE-HEE-
HEE-HEE-
HEE-HEE-
HEEEEE
...!!!

THE 1-PIN

I WILL KILL...!

I WILL DRAW IT...!

THE 1-PIN !!!!

I WILL DRAW THE 1-PIN... AND KILL THAT MAN!!!!!

CHAPTER 101 -- VENGEFUL SPIRITS

第101話 物の怪

KILL ...!!!

KILL

KILL

KILL !!!!

THIS MAN ....

THIS MAN

THIS MAN

THIS MAN

WILL DIE!!

MY COUNTED YAKUMAN!!

WITH THIS DORA 12

!!!!!!!!

1-
PIN
WAIT!!!

MY
...

1-
PIN
WAIT!!

I WILL DRAW IT HERE !!!!

IS THIS ...?

SHUFFLE

RIGHT HERE IN MY HAND ?!

IS IT THIS ONE?

WHERE ...?

WHERE ARE YOU?

NOW ...

WHERE ARE YOU, 1-PIN!?

NOW...

MY 1-PIN.....!

.....COME TO ME!

SHUFFLE...

SHUFFLE...

SHUFFLE...

THIS ONE?

MY 1-PIN ?!

COULD IT BE ...?!

OH NO ...

IS IT ...?

GRAB

OHH
HHH
HHH
.....!!

WHOOSH

AAAAAAHHHH?!

UH...?

UGH

な
WHAT THE T!?
……?

……THIS CHILL……!!!

THERE ARE SHIVERS RUNNING DOWN MY SPINE!!

HEH-
HEH-
HEH
...

HEH
...
HEH
...

HERE
THEY
COME
...

HEHE
...

WHOOOSH...

BAD

THERE ARE わ SO MANY...

...THEY ARE RISING... FULL OF EXCITEMENT !!!!

EVIL SPIRITS

DEMONS

VENGEFUL BEINGS FROM THE NETHER-WORLD!!

THESE EVIL DEMONS ARE CRAW-LING OUT OF WASHIZU'S BACK... ONE BY ONE!!

THEY HAVE COME TO KILL

THEY HAVE COME TO KILL THIS MAN... AKAGI SHIGERU

URGH
...

AUGH
...

BUT
...

AKAGI SHIGERU DOES NOT MOVE

AKAGI
...

HOW-
E-
VER
...

HE DOES NOT
...

AKAGI SHI-GE-RU FOR-CES THEM BACK

THE O-GRES

THE GHOULS

THE DE-MONS

THE SPI-RITS

TCH ...!

ALL THE MAD-NESS ...!!!

WHAT ... THIS BRAT ...

BUT, RIGHT NOW, I AM ...

HE'S STILL NOT TREM-BLING ...?

HE'S STILL NOT AFRAID ...?

I AM THE BEST ...!

THE TOP!!

THE TOP!!

THE TOP!!!!

... IN THE BEST POSSIBLE SPOT!!

I'M AT THE VERY TOP !!!!

I AM WASHIZU IWAO

I AM A GOD IN-CAR-NATE

!!

SO WHY AREN'T YOU IN FEAR ?!?!

GUH
!!!!

WHERE
?!!!

THAT
TILE
JUST
NOW!

WH...
WHERE
DID IT
GO?!

I
JUST
HAD
IT
!!!!

WHERE
DID IT
GO?!

SHUFFLE

THAT
LAST
TILE
...!

I
PULLED
IT IN
...

IS THAT IT ...?

IS IT ?!

YHO~

GUH...!

IT WAS NOT THE 1-PIN...!

DAMN...

D...

HE COULD NOT PULL OFF A RINSHAN TSUMO !!!

GR RR RR RR ...

WA- SHI- ZU COULD NOT DO IT!

KLOZ!!

.....

.....

WASHI- ZU'S DRAW ...

.....

HUH ...

WHEW ...

HIS FINISHING BLOW ... WAS INCOM-PLETE!!

AKAGI HAS BEEN RE-BORN!

HE BROKE THROUGH THE CHAOS!

THE GAME'S FLOW IS NOT YET FOR SURE!!!

GR
RR
RR
RR
RR
...

THIS GAME IS STILL UP IN THE AIR!!

ｺﾞｸﾘ...

CHAPTER 102 - FORFEIT

第102話 真っ大

GR
RR
RR
...

GR
RR
RR
...

GR
RR
RR
...

...

RGH
...

GAH
...

NGH
...

GAH
...

KUH
...

RAGE

RAGE

RAGE

WA-
SHI-
ZU
...

...
COULD
NOT
DRAW
IT IN!!

THIS
COUNTED
YAKUMAN
WAS
RAISED
AND
CREATED
FOR
WASHIZU
...

AND
YET
...

THIS SO-CALLED
MONSTER HAND...

RIICHI, DORA 12...

WA-
SHI-
ZU
...

HE LOST
HIS WAY
AT THE
MOST
CRUCIAL
OF
MOMENTS
!!!

IN THE
END,
HE
GAVE
UP
HIS
EASY
WIN!

BUT
STILL
...

IT WAS THE
ULTIMATE
ROUND...
AND WASHIZU
HAD HIS
WINNING TILE
IN HIS HAND!

HE LET WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN THE GREATEST MOMENT OF HIS LIFE SLIP THROUGH HIS FINGERS !!!!

WASHIZU COULD SEE HEAVEN, BUT COULD NOT REACH IT

AKAGI SUR-VIVED!

AKAGI: 37,000 P, -1100 CC
EARNINGS: 121.5 MILLION

ON THE OTHER HAND ...

THE MON-STERS!

THE VENGEFUL BEINGS!

THE GHOULS!

THE SPIRITS!

THE DEMONS!

DEMONIC POWER AND EVEN THE DEMONS THEM-SELVES CAN BE EXPELLED...!

WHILE BEING CLOSE TO DEATH, HOW-EVER,

GREED, AND SLOTH. SUCH NAT-URAL IMPUR-ITIES CAN BE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF.

HUMAN FEAR, EXTRA-VAGENCE ...

...
HOW-
EVER,
BE
THAT
AS
IT
MAY,
HE
RE-
MAINS
ALIVE
FROM
DYING
HERE
AND
NOW
...!
.....
HE IS
STILL
JUST
ONE
MORE
PUSH
EVEN
NOW!
IS
FAR
FROM
OVER,
HIS
DES-
PER-
ATE
SIT-
UATION
...

.....

ざわ...

WASHIZU: 21,000 POINTS
(-1000 FROM RIICHI)
DOWN 121.5 MILLION YEN

THAT'S 48000 POINTS!

YOUR HAND IS A DEALER YAKUMAN, WASHIZU-SAMA!

THIS 1-PIN!!

SUZUKI'S HAND

LET'S DEAL IT

.....

EAST 2ND ROUND

14TH HAND

SUZUKI'S TURN

.....

WASHIZU MAHJONG 3RD MATCH

ざわ...

WA-SHI-ZU-SA-MA ...!

YOU WOULD COME OUT ON TOP IN THIS HAN-CHAN SESSION,

WITH THAT MUCH OF A LEAD,

IT WOULD PUT YOU AHEAD BY 33000 POINTS!

YOU CAN TAKE THIS GAME BACK FROM AKAGI!

WITH THAT HAND ...

WA-SHI-ZU SA-MA ...

HIS DRAW IS THE 4-PIN

THIS IS THE MAX FOR US!

LET'S WIN WITH THIS HAND!

WASHIZU'S HAND

I SUPPOSE THAT'S RIGHT ...

I SEE, I SEE ...

HEH HEH HEH ...

IT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH!

IT'S NOT WORTH IT TO BET ON SUCH A MINISCULE CHANCE ...

AND AS FOR TSUMO ...

THERE'S A 99% CHANCE THAT THE 1-PIN WILL NOT LEAVE HIS HAND...

THAT IT'S ENOUGH TO STOP AT THIS ...

ANYONE WOULD THINK THAT ...

.....

HEH ... HEH ...

WASHIZU-SAMA!!

YES
...

OUR FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE TO ELIMIN= ATE ANY DANGER
...

IN THIS GAMBLE
...

ALTHOUGH THEIR HANDS HAVE YET TO TAKE SHAPE
...

THESE TWO
...

WE SHOULD HURRY AND LOCK SUCH A HAND IN PLACE!

THIS WIN IS MORE THAN FINE!

THIS MIR- ACLE GRANTED TO ME ...

THIS INCRED- IBLE HAND
...

WE CAN NEVER BE SURE OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN! AND SO...

THAT IS SIMPLE!

THAT IS WHY ...

BUT, SUZUKI ...

THAT'S RIGHT ...

THIS SITUATION WHO- WOULD EVER THINK OTHERWISE ...

WE MUST !!

THAT IS WHY WE WILL GIVE CHASE ...!

IT IS STRANGE. YES

WE MUST KEEP PLAY- ING

HUH ...?!

ABNORMAL

SO STRANGE ! BIZZARE !

SOME-HOW, HE DOES NOT FEAR DEATH!

THAT BRAT'S MIND IS NOT RIGHT....

LIKE A DE-VIL!

WE WILL GIVE HIM CHASE ...

HOW STRANGE IT WOULD BE IF WE AIMED TO PURSUE HIM!!

ONLY THEN ...

WE MUST DO SOME-THING JUST AS INSANE, WITH NO REMORSE!!

IN ORDER TO KILL A MAN AS BIZZARE AS HIM ...

AND SO ...

AND KILL THAT MAN!

...CAN WE EVEN BEGIN TO RESTRAIN ...

AND GO IN FOR THE KILL !!

FOLLOW HIM CLOSELY ... WATCH HIM ...

CHASE ... AND CHASE ... AND CHASE ...

THAT SCUM ...

RIGHT HERE AND NOW ...!

FOR A TSUMO OR DIRECT HIT! NOTHING ELSE WILL DO

LIKE A DEVIL ... WE'RE AIMING ...

KEEP GOING ...!

THAT 1-PIN IS ISOLATED

WE'RE SETTING IT UP!

HE DELAYS DEALING INTO WASHIZU'S HAND FOR ANOTHER TURN.

UNDER WASHI-ZU'S ORDERS,

SU-ZU-KI ...

SIR!

.....

HE CHOOSES TO DISCARD THE 6-SOU OVER THE 1-PIN...!

WASHIZU CHOOSES THIS DEVILISH WAY OF PLAYING AND KEEPS GOING!!

IT CON-TIN-UES!!!

ON THE OTHER HAND, AKAGI

HEH ...

HEH ...

HEH ...

HEH HEH HEH HEH ...

HE GOT IT!!

ANO-THER USE-FUL DRAW!

THE 5-PIN ...!

THIS IS HIS FIFTH USEFUL DRAW IN A ROW!

HIS GOAL IS FAR AWAY ...

WASHIZU HAS TIME TO SPARE,

EVEN STILL!

HIS PATH TO VICTORY IS STILL A LONG ONE ...!

BUT STILL ...

HOW-EV-ER ...

ANYONE WOULD CONSID-ER THAT ...

IT'S JUST LOGICAL!

SO, IN A WAY,

WASHIZU'S GUESS WAS CORRECT.

AKAGI'S HAND IS SLOW.

THIS IS A FACT!

EVEN WITH THAT, HE IS STILL IN RYAN SHANTEN.

THAT IS JUST HOW IT SEEMS ...!

IT WOULD SEEM THAT WAY ...

AT FIRST GLANCE,

BUT THAT IS NOT SO!

THIS HAND HAS SEVERAL CONDIT-IONS THAT, WHEN FULFILLED ...

AND ITS ACTUAL POTEN-TIAL!!

THAT CHANGE SEEN IN MAHJONG ...

OF THAT CHANGE ...!

WASHIZU IS UNDER-ESTIMATING THE FULL POTENTIAL

HIS HAND WILL PRO-GRESS EX-TREME-LY FAST!

CAUSE A SWIFT CHANGE !!

AND THEN ...

YASU-OKA ...

TO TOP IT OFF ...

... DRAWS IT...!!

WHOA ...!!

THE FATE-FUL 1-PIN !!!

HE HAS DRAWN IT ...!

IT IS THE TILE ...

THAT WILL DECIDE THE OUT-COME OF THIS MATCH BETWEEN AKAGI AND WASHIZU!

.....

AH ...?!

IS ... IS THAT ?!

WHAAAAAT?!

HE ACTUALLY DREW THE 1-PIN?!

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN ?!!??!

YES ...

OF ALL THE TILES ...

GRIT

OF ALL THINGS ...

THIS PIECE OF TRASH

DAMN IT ...

HAS GONE INTO YASU-OKA'S HAND!

THE LAST 1-PIN ...

WASHI-ZU'S WINNING TILE ...

BY HAVING SUZUKI DEAL INTO HIS HAND...!

NOW... WASHIZU CAN ONLY WIN ...

HIS ISOLATED 1-PIN WAIT TAUNTS HIM WITH THIS FACT!

WITH THIS, WASHIZU'S CHANCES AT TSUMO HAVE BEEN EX-TINGUISHED ...!

GUH ...

STILL, AS FAR AS WASHIZU SHOULD BE CON-CERNED ...

IT'S PAINFUL FOR HIM! THIS 1-PIN WAIT IS ALL BUT A LOSS!

THE REAL PAIN IS SIMPLY THIS ...

THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ...

THOUGH HE CAN ALSO WIN FROM AKAGI'S DISCARD, THE CHANCES OF THAT ARE SLIM.

FOR TOO LONG ...

WITH THIS DRAW OF THE 1- PIN ...

AKAGI'S SIDE HAS HAD ALL OF THEIR CONDITIONS FULFILLED

THEY HAVE JUST LAID LOW

SILENTLY WAITING THEIR TURN ...

THESE TWO ...

.....

Oo

PON!

HAVE BEGUN THEIR COUNTER ATTACK!

WHAAAAAT?!

WHA...

AT LONG LAST...!

AKAGI SHIGERU...

HE MAKES HIS MOVE...

第103話 水泡

CHAPTER 103 - NOTHINGNESS

ごわ…ごわ…

WASHIZU MAHJONG, THIRD MATCH

WASHIZU- 21000 PTS
-121.5 MILLION YEN
(-1000 PTS FROM RIICHI)

THIRD HANCHAN, EAST 2ND ROUND, 0 HONBA
AKAGI. 37000 PTS, -1100 CC

E/N: HONBA IS HOW MANY TIMES EAST HAS CHOSEN TO STAY DEALER

PON!

PON!

AKAGI SHIGERU ...

IS ON THE MOVE!

EAST 2ND ROUND, 15TH TURN

PON!

OH NO ...

OH ...

THEY ... THEY'VE ...

THESE GUYS ...

GOD DAMN IT ALL ...!!

THEY'VE BROUGHT THIS GAME NEARLY TO AN END!

JUST BY THEM-SELVES ...

THE TWO OF THEM ...

THEY'VE TURNED THE FLOW AROUND 180 DEGREES!

THIS HAND OF MINE ...

WHICH MEANS ...

THE TIDES HAVE CHANGED

THEY'RE TRYING TO SUPRESS THIS DORA 12...!!

THEY UNITED ...!

BOTH OF THEIR HANDS SUPPORTED EACH OTHER ...!

WHAP

THIS IS TRULY A HORRID SITU-ATION ...!

THAT MUCH, I KNOW

YES

THIS IS A HORR-IBLE DEVEL-OPMENT ...

I... MESSED UP...

I MESSED UP ...

AT THE VERY LAST MIN-UTE ...

ONE BY ONE, THEIR HANDS ...

I MIS-READ IT ...

CHI!

UGH ...!!!

UGH ...!

KATCHA

PON!

GUH ...!

AKAGI HAS CALLED THREE TIMES !!!

NO... NO...! NO!!!

おおお

OHHHHHHHH

IT'S OVER ...!

THAT'S IT...

AAA AAA AAA GGG HHH !!!

THREE CALLS ...!

A TAN YAO HAND ...!

A 3-6 PIN WAIT ...!

WITH THAT, HE'S IN TENPAI...!

WILL USE THAT 6-PIN ... AND DEAL INTO THE BRAT'S HAND...!

AFTER THIS, THAT COP ...

HE HAS IT ...!

IT'S DONE ...!

THAT'S THE END ...!

MY DORA 12...

MY COUN-TED YAKU-MAN ...!

IT SHALL LEAVE FOREVER ...!

THIS MIRACLE WILL DIS-APPEAR ...!

NO NO NO NO NO NO ...

WILL GO TO WASTE ...!

EVERY-THING ...

A WASTE ...!

OHHHH ...

AH ...!

THEN, OF COURSE ...

I WILL SEE IT BEFORE THE COP HAS A CHANCE TO DEAL IN...!

IF YOU WANT TO BRING IT TO TEN PAI ...

THAT HAND ...

IN OTHER WORDS ...

THAT IS...

THAT 1-PIN WILL OVER-FLOW YES.

YES, IT MUST !

YOU MUST CUT THE 1-PIN ...!

AAAHHHH ...!!

AHHHH ...

YES ... I SEE!

THAT'S RIGHT ...!

MY BE-LO-VED 1-PIN !!!

MY TENACITY LED AKAGI ASTRAY !!!

MY MOVES WON THIS ...!

WIN!

IN FACT ...

IT BORE FRUIT!

MY PURSUIT HAS PAID OFF!

THIS STRANGE PLAY ...

ALTHOUGH WAITING AND STALLING HAS OPENED THE DOOR FOR MY OPPONENT TO STRIKE BACK THIS WAY,

IT HAS LED TO THIS MAN'S DEATH ...!

AT THE SAME TIME ...

HIS SENSE OF JUDGE-MENT!!

IN FACT, BY DOING THIS... I HAVE DESTROYED ...

HE CAN BE SWAYED ...

AT ANY TIME I CHOSE!

ESPECIALLY SINCE I COULD HAVE WON ...

HE WOULD NEVER EXPECT ME TO DELAY IT THIS MUCH!

THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO RELY ON A TSUMO OR DIRECT HIT...

IN HAVING A YAKU-MAN HAND ...

ONLY A FOOL WOULD EXTEND IT, HE IS THINKING ...

I WOULD ONLY NEED TO HAVE SUZUKI DEAL INTO MY HAND... THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH!

EVEN IF I COULDN'T KILL YOU RIGHT AWAY!

AFTER ALL, I WOULD OVERTAKE YOU IN POINTS ...

ANYONE WOULD GLADLY ACCEPT THOSE 48000 POINTS!

BUT IT IS THAT "ENOUGH" THAT WILL LEAD AKAGI TO HIS GRAVE!

NO ONE WOULD DARE TO DELAY THE GAME, HE THINKS!

HOW STRANGE TAKING SUCH A RISK WOULD BE...!

PUT ANOTHER WAY ...

THAT IS WHERE HE HAS MADE HIS FATAL ERROR ...!!!

BUT ...

MY VERY WILL TO KILL HIM ...

AKAGI HAS FAILED TO SENSE ...

PLUS

KHU HU HU HU ...

RIGHT HERE ... RIGHT NOW ...!

THE THREAT OF THIS YAKU-MAN ...!

MY DORA 12 ...!

... HAS LED HIM A-STRAY ...!

THIS MON-STROUS HAND ...

IT WAS EFFEC-TIVE ...!

HE WOULD HAVE A HARD TIME CATCHING UP TO IT!

THIS DEALER YAKUMAN WIN ...

AS EXPECTED, THIS YAKUMAN ...

THOUGH IT'S STILL THE EAST 2ND ROUND

THAT IR-RITA-TION ...

THAT IMPATIENCE ...

I'M NEARLY 100% SURE ...!

IT HAS DISTURBED HIM...!

"IT SHOULD PASS ...!"

HE'S THINK-ING ...

THAT SORT OF... WEAK-WILLED HOPE ...!

"IT WILL BE FINE ..."

"THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY PROBLEM ...!"

HE WAS WORN DOWN IN THE END...!

FOR THE FIRST TIME ...!

HE HAS BEEN DIS-TURBED ...

POISON FOR HIS MIND!

THIS YAKU-MAN HAS BECOME ...

IT'S SIMPLE...!

EASY...!

ALMOST CHEAP...!

DETE-RIO-RAT-ED ...!

AND HIS MIND HAS ...

HE HAS GIVEN IN...!

HIS LACK OF PREPARATION FOR THIS MATCH!

HAS RE-VEALED

THAT ONE IN-STANCE

HIS AWARENESS! HIS MIND... HIS SENSES ...!

HE IS NOT AWAKE ...!

YOU WILL DIE!...!

THIS CAN ONLY LEAD TO YOUR DEATH ...!

HEH
HEH
HEH
...

YES
...
COME
...!

HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
...

HEH
HEH
HEH
...

COME
TO
ME
...!

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COME ON...!

WASHIZU: 21,000 POINTS
DOWN 121.5 MILLION YEN
(1000 POINTS IN RIICHI BETS)

WASHIZU MAHJONG...!

AKAGI: 37,000 POINTS
DOWN 1100 CCS
GAINED 121.5 MILLION YEN

DEAL IT...!

THIRD MATCH

EAST 2ND ROUND

17TH HAND

HMMM...

WHAT'S WRONG...? GO AHEAD...!

YOU ARE SENSING SOMETHING...

AND ARE RECONSIDERING?

COULD IT BE... AFTER ALL THAT...

MY 1-PIN...!

THAT 1-PIN...!

DEAL IT!

DEAL IT! DEAL IT!

WHAT'S WRONG...?

HMM?

DOES THIS MEAN THAT YOU ARE GIVING UP...?

WHICH IS IT?

TUR-NING BACK?

ARE YOU TRU-LY...

COULD IT BE...

THAT MAKES YOU UNEASY ...?

HAVE YOU SENSED SOME-THING

AN UNEASY FEELING ...

SOME-THING THAT MAKES YOU HESI-TATE ...

FROM THAT 1-PIN ...?

A SMALL VIBE...

THAT IS MAKING YOU PLAY IT SAFE?!

...

YES, YES ...!

GR RR RR ...

THAT'S RIGHT! KEEP GOING!

WASHIZU'S WAIT IS ON THAT 1-PIN...!

AND FINISH YOUR-SELF OFF!

DEAL IT...

DEAL IT!

GOOD ...!

THAT'S RIGHT ...!

DORA 1@ SINGLE WAIT...!

INTO MY LOVE-LY...

COME TO ME!

KEEP GOING ...!

DIVE IN HEAD-FIRST !!!!

YES!!

MY LONG SOUGHT-AFTER 1-PIN!!

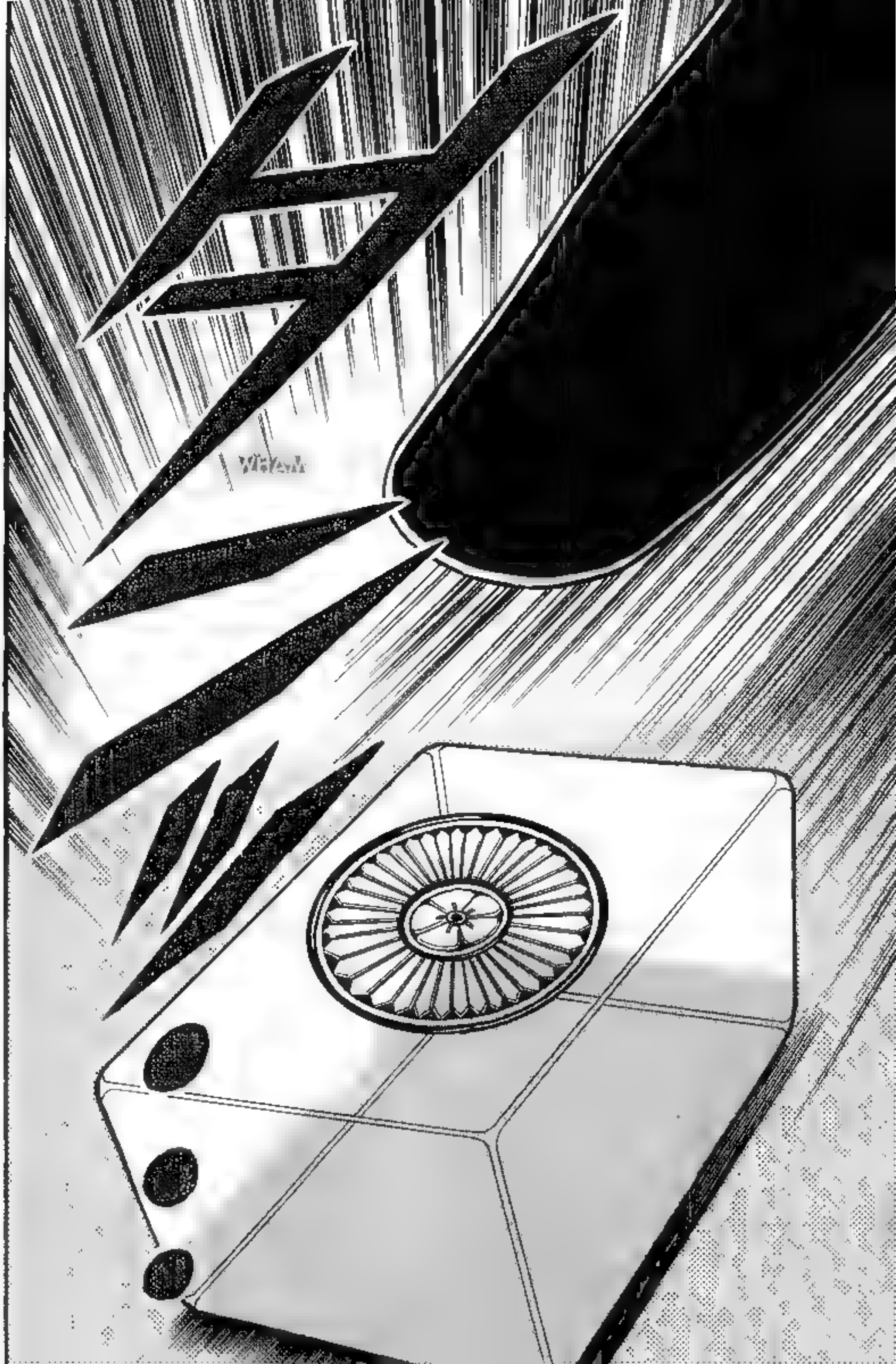
COME !!

DISCARD IT!

DISCARD IT!

DISCARD IT!

DISCARD IT, AKAGI !!



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RON !!!!

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YEEEEES!!!

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I'VE
WON
...!

LYSINE!
LEUCINE!
ISO-
LUECINE!

VA-
LINE
!

I WIN !!!!

I WIN !!!!

I WIN !!!!

THAT IS TO SAY

I HAVE SURVIVED !!!!

KHI HI HI HI ...!

KHA HA HA HA HA ...!

KHU HU HU HU ...!

WASHIZU IWAO...

...EAR?

?

HUH?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR?

WA- SHI- ZU IWAO ...

AH ...?!

WHA... WHAT IS...?!

RON.

CHUN, DORA 1 ...!

IT'S AN ATAMA HANE.

GUH...!!

GUH!!

UR... URGH !!!!

AUGH ...!!

GRAUGH!

HYAGH!

NGH!

UGH!

WASHIZU-SAMA!!

UH...! UGH!!

GAH!

WASHIZU-SAMA!!

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AAAA
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GGGG
HHHH
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WA-
SHI
ZU
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WAO
...

YOUR
SENSES
HAVE
BEEN
DULLED
...

HM-
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HMM
...

.....

YOU'RE SCARED.

YOUR SENSES HAVE BEEN DULLED, WASHIZU IWAO.

YOU'RE SCARED.

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WASHIZU 22,000 POINTS
DOWN 121.5 MILLION YEN

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AKAGI. 35,000 POINTS
DOWN 1100 CCS
TOTAL EARNINGS. 121.5 MILLION YEN

THAT'S RIGHT.

ME? I M SCARED?

IMPOSSI- BLE...

ON THAT RINSHAN DRAW AFTER GETTING YOUR DORA 12 ..

IT WASN'T JUST IN HINDSIGHT

THAT DRAW WAS INDI- CATIVE OF TH S GAME'S CROSS- ROAD

BUT YOU DIDN'T WANT IT TO BE OVER!

YOU COULD HAVE ENDED IT THERE ...

.....

YOUR FLOW HAD TURNED AGAINST YOU.

THE T DES HAD CHANGED.

THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY SHOULD HAVE DONE.

AND HAD SUZUKI DEAL INTO YOUR HAND.

IF YOU HAD,

BROKEN OFF YOUR PURSUIT,

THAT ,N MIND, YOU COULD HAVE CLOSED YOUR HAND,

THAT WOULD NET YOU 48000 POINTS.

AT THE VERY LEAST ..

YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN SATISFIED WITH IT!

THAT HAND ..

TO DIG OUT YOUR GRAVE

THE HEAVENS WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS

TO MAKE THIS EASY FOR YOU TO GET...

BUT, AT THE CROSS-ROADS ...

AND IN DOING SO, GAVE ME THE MATE-RIALS ..

YOU FORCED THE GAME TO GO ON,

EVEN SO,

YOU IGNORED IT!

IT WAS A VERY VALUABLE WARNING, BUT...

THAT YOU COULD GO NO FURTHER.

THOSE SAME HEAVENS GAVE YOU A CLEAR SIGN

YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN IT IF YOU WERE THINK-ING RIGHT.

IF YOU WERE AT YOUR BEST.

WELL, IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED

IT WAS FRUGAL, AND... QUITE FRANKLY, STUPID.

YOU WOULD HAVE GOTTEN SUZUKI TO DEAL IN TO YOUR HAND

AND GIVEN IN TO IT.

YOU WOULD HAVE NOTICED THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT CRITICAL SIGN...

BUT IT WOULD HAVE WORKED PERFECTLY.

YOU WOULD BE RELUCTANT ...

IN YOUR HEART OF HEARTS ..

YOU'RE SCARED.

DEEP DOWN,

NO MATTER HOW TOUGH YOU MAY APPEAR,

BUT...

YOUR GREED ROSE TO THE SURFACE ...

MORON!

TO END THE MATCH FAST... BEFORE IT ENDS YOU.

YOU AIM FOR QUICK RESULTS ...

AND YOU INSISTED ON GETTING A TSUMO OR DIRECT HIT, NO MATTER WHAT.

THERE IS NO SUCH FEAR CONTROLLING MY EMOTIONS!!

NOT IN THE LEAST!

IS FAR FROM APPLICABLE TO ME!!

THAT CON-CEPT ...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?!

MUR-DER-ING!

I MAY HAVE BECOME TRAPPED IN IT .

PERHAPS

ALTHOUGH .

THE DE-SIRE TO SEE YOU DIE ...!

MUR-DER-OUS IN-TENT ...

THIS NAG-GING ...

I CAN'T CONTROL IT...

THE TEMPTATION TO MAKE THAT A REALITY MAY HAVE CAPTIVATED ME...

I WANTED TO SEE YOU DIE ...

HEY!

THAT IS THE ONE THING THAT I SHOULD REGRET!

SIR!

THE TILES!

HURRY AND PICK THEM UP!

HURRY IT UP!

GET BACK TO THE MATCH!

OOF!

HMM-HMM-HM

IT IS NOW THE EAST 3RD ROUND

WASHIZU MAHJONG RESUMES!

WA-
SHI-
ZU
...

HM-
HMM

AKAGI'S HAND

HM-
HM-
HMM
...

THAT MUR-
DER-
OUS
INTENT
...

WHERE THAT MURDEROUS INTENT IS DERIVED FROM ...

YES ...

YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW

THAT FEAR ...

HM-
HMM
...

THE PROB-
LEM
LIES IN
THAT
MUR-
DER-
OUS
INTENT

WASHIZU'S HAND

WHERE DOES IT COME FROM?

ALL IT COMES DOWN TO IS NOT WANTING TO DIE.

TRULY DOES COME FROM FEAR.

KILL OR BE KILLED ...

HURRY ...

BUT JUST THEN ...

I SAW IT POP UP FROM TIME TO TIME,

IN THE FIRST AND SECOND MATCHES.

THAT SIGN OF FEAR WAS VERY APPARENT

THERE WAS NO MISTAKING IT.

WAS PLAYING AS THOUGH

AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS THIRD ROUND, WASHIZU

COULD MEAN NOTHING ELSE.

THAT ACTION THERE ...

THAT KIND OF AC- TION SEEMED TO SHOW

HE WAS TRYING TO OVER- TAKE ME IN RANK.

AS IT HAD COME

BUT, THAT CHANCE LEFT HIM JUST AS QUICKLY.

A HAND THAT COULD KILL ME QUICKLY ..

HE TOOK HOLD OF THE FLOW.

THAT HE WAS CHEERING HIMSELF ON.

IT QUICKLY DISAPPEARED

BE-CAUSE ...

HE WOULD WANT TO KILL ME QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

HE WANTS TO KILL ME NOW...

IN THIS TYPE OF CIRCUM-STANCE,

HE WANTS TO KILL ...

THAT IS THE SOURCE OF HIS STRENGTH...!

YES...

HE WANTS TO BE SAFE.

BY ANY MEANS ...!

WASHIZU SIMPLY WANTS TO KEEP LIVING ...

IN THE END ...

WASHIZU DESPERATELY CLINGS TO HIS PATHETIC LIFE.

THIS IS FACT.

HE WANTED TO SEPERATE HIMSELF FROM THAT FOUNDATION.

THAT HIS PRIMAL FEAR OF DEATH BRINGS.

WASHIZU'S WHOLE LIFE WAS BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION ...

FROM THAT FEAR.

JUST ONE STEP AWAY WOULD BE FINE...

WHICH IS WHY HE KEPT ON BUILDING SKYWARD ...

HE TRIED TO DIS-TANCE HIM-SELF ...

H.GHER ... AND H.GHER ...

FROM HIS RUIN ...

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LING
UP
USE-
LESS-
LY

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DE-
SERVED
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NEY

THAT'S ALL THAT WASHIZU IS...!

RIP IT AWAY..

IF YOU TAKE THAT MONEY

COMES STRAIGHT FROM HIS MONEY!

AND HIS THREAT-ENING APPEAR-ANCE

REALLY, THE BIG NAME HE'S MADE

WHAT

ALL THAT THERE IS TO BE FOUND

THEN THERE IS NOTHING LEFT

WITH CRAZED, YELLOW EYES!

A HIDE-OUS RAT

IS AN INSANE RAT

SEARCHING FOR ITS NEXT MEAL...

PON!

GAH ...

BLINK

UR... URGH ...

GUH ...

LOW

GRRR
...

AKAGI'S HAND

AND PLAYED THAT 3-P.N ...

SINCE HE'S CALLED FOR HIS FANPAI ...

SHIT

HE'S CLOSE...!

URGH!!

WASHIZU'S HAND

ON ONE OF THOSE TILES...!

IT LOOKS AS THOUGH HE COULD BE WAITING

I CAN'T MOVE FORWARD LIKE THIS...!

I HAVE NO CHOICE

GRR...

DAMN ...

I'VE GOT TO PLAY IT SAFE ...!

I'M CLOSE, TOO!

I'M THERE ...!

THERE IT IS ...!

BUT ...

.....

GUH ...

I'M IN TENPAI ...!

IF I JUST DEAL THE 5-SOU OR 3-P.N ...

I CAN STILL AIM FOR CHII-TOI-TSU...

THE 5-SOU OR THE 3-PIN ...!

IF IT'S THAT, I WON'T HAVE TO DEAL

WHAP

THAT'S THE ONE.

HM-HM-HMM ...

WHAT IS ...?!

HUH?!

THE RECO-VERY PRO-CESS IS VERY SLOW BIT BY BIT, OVER TIME

YOU CAN'T BREAK FREE FROM IT SO EASILY

ONCE IT WORMS ITS WAY INTO YOUR HEART,

YOUR FEAR CAN'T BE WILLED AWAY

TAKE ADVAN-TAGE OF THAT WEAK MIND.

SO, I'LL JUST HAVE TO

URGH ... UGH ...

GUH ...

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GUH ...

URGH ...

GRR ...

GRRRRR
...

WHAT DID HE SAY...?!

WHAT WAS THAT?

MAKE FUN OF ME, WILL HE...

WHO ...

I AM THE KING OF THIS NATION!!

WHO DOES HE THINK HE'S TALKING TO?!

IT DIDN'T MATTER

IF THEY WERE THE MINISTERS OF THEIR DAY

HAS DARED TO GO AGAINST MY WILL!

UNTIL NOW, NOT ONE PERSON ...

BANK OW- NERS ...

BE- REAU- CRATS ...

OR PO- LICE ...

EVEN IF THEY WERE LEADERS OF ORGANIZED CRIME...

EVERY- ONE ...

ZAIBATSU OFF CERS...

RELIG OUS LEADERS...

UNTHINK- ABLE!!

HUMBLED WHEN MY MAJESTY -- WAS PRESENT!

THEY WERE ALL

AND YET THIS BRAT

I WILL NOT ALLOW IT!!

WASHIZU'S HAND

AKAGI'S HAND

DISCARDS

GAH ...

I CAN'T DEAL THIS TILE ...

GOD DAMN IT...

ONCE AGAIN, THIS 4-PIN IS FAR TOO RISKY!!

THOUGH I'D HAVE A PINFU ITSUU TENPAI ...

THIS 4-PIN MIGHT BE HIS TILE...!

I WILL PUT YOU BACK IN LINE!!

チラ...

WASHIZU WILL BE IN TENPAI IF HE DEALS THE 4-PIN...!

YOU STUPID KID!!

WHO WOULD ALLOW SUCH A THING ...

WASHIZU IWAO.

YOU'RE SCARED, AREN'T YOU?

TO MY AD-VAN-TAGE

GAH

THAT'S WHY I'LL USE YOUR WEAK MIND

GRR ...

HOW CAN YOU EVEN SAY SUCH A NONSENS-ICAL THING, YOU BRAT! KNOW YOUR PLACE!

AN EMP-ER-OR!!

AFTER ALL, I AM A KING!

MY DIVINE WILL IS ALL I NEED TO MAKE THIS PASS!!

THIS TILE WILL PASS...

YES...! YOU'RE A PEAS-ANT!!

YOU PEAS-ANT...

THIS IS AWFUL ...

.....

THIS ...

AUGH ...

URGH ...

WASHIZU-SAMA... PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER...

ALTHOUGH IT DOES HAPPEN RATHER OFTEN IN NORMAL MAHJONG ...

HE'S LOST ALL SENSE OF HIMSELF NOW...

HE COULDN'T STOP HIMSELF FROM DEALING INTO SUCH AN OBVIOUS 4-7 PIN WAIT...!

RON. 5200.

YOU ...?!

GAH . . . !!

IF YOU ALLOW YOURSELF TO GIVE IN TO THAT FEAR,

SPECIFICALLY, CONTROLLING YOUR FEARS AND DOUBTS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT!

CONTROL-LING YOUR-SELF IN WASHIZU MAHJONG IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT IN MANY WAYS!

WASHIZU MAHJONG AMPLIFIES THE PO-TENTIAL FOR ABU-SING IT!

FROM THE ENDLESS SWAMP OF FEARS AND SUSPICIONS THAT YOU WILL HAVE STUMBLED INTO!

THEN THERE WILL BE NO GOOD WAY TO MAKE YOUR WAY OUT

YOU WILL MAKE UNWISELY STRONG DEALINGS TO TRY AND GET YOURSELF AWAY FROM THAT VERY THING!

OR, AS JUST HAP-PENED,

YOU WILL EITHER NEEDLESSLY RIP YOUR HAND TO SHREDS,

YOUR OWN MIND WILL PLAY TERRIBLE TRICKS ON YOUR TERRIFIED CONSCIOUS ...

A TOTAL REACT-IONARY FAILURE!

TRY AS YOU MIGHT, YOU CAN'T STRUGGLE FREE FROM IT...

YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DROWN, LOSING ALL SENSE OF LOGIC!

YOU WILL SINK DEEPER AND DEEPER BEFORE YOU ARE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO THINK!

THEY, JUST LIKE HE IS,

THE MEN THAT HE HAS KILLED IN THE PAST!

WASHIZU LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE

AT THIS MOMENT ...

THEY TRIED TO CHANNEL EVERY BIT OF WISDOM AND BRAVERY THEY COULD MUSTER

AND LAID IT ALL ON THE LINE TO TRY AND MAKE THEIR WAY BACK...

AND COULD NOT MAINTAIN THEIR BALANCE WHEN THE TIME CAME!

THEY WERE FUELED BY THEIR OWN FEARS AND EMOTIONS IN THE FACE OF EVIL.

THOSE MEN MET THEIR ULTIMATE FATES BECAUSE THEY WERE UNABLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TWO.

WHAT THINGS ARE TRUE AND REAL, AND WHAT THINGS ARE ABNORMAL?

BUT THEY ONLY MADE HASTY DECISIONS, OR GAVE UP ON WINNING TO AVOID A DIRECT HIT!

HE'S GETTING A TASTE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE!

THEIR DYING WORRIED FEELINGS HAVE COME BACK NOW TO HAUNT HIM...

AND NOW, WASHIZU CAN FEEL THEIR PAIN FIRSTHAND...

IN FACT ...

OF WA-SHI-ZU MAH-JONG!

WASHIZU IS FINALLY GETTING A GLIMPSE AT THE TRUE FORM

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BUT HE HAS NEVER ACTUALLY PARTICIPATED IN HIS OWN GAME!

WASHIZU HAS PLAYED HIS SIDE OF WASHIZU MAHJONG MANY TIMES ...

THE 7-SOU ...?

YES

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GH ...

WA-SHI-ZU

COULD ALLOW HIMSELF TO REST EASY AND PLAY CARELESSLY

WHILE AKAGI AND THE OTHERS WERE FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIFE.

AS WASHIZU WAS [illegible]

AKAGI WAS [illegible]

..BECAUSE HE WAS PROTECTED BY SUCH A BREATHTAKING SUM OF CASH!

NO

THERE WAS A MAJOR MAN-MACHINE

RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING, WASHIZU MAHJONG COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE A FAIR FIGHT

IS SOMETHING ENTIRELY DIFFERENT TO WHAT IT IS FOR HIS OPPONENTS

SO PUT ANOTHER WAY

THAT IS WASHIZU HIS [illegible] WASHIZU MACHINE

HE THINKS OF THE GAME AS A HUNT...!

WITH A [illegible] WEAPON OF [illegible] POWER!

[illegible] IS A [illegible] [illegible] ON THIS [illegible]

IN WA-SHIZU MAH-JONG!

THAT IS ALL THAT HE SEES

HE IS THE HUNTER, AND HIS FOES ARE THE PREY!

HOW-E-VER ...

OF THIS CLEVER FOE ...

HE COULD NEVER HAVE DREAMED ...

THAT HAS COME OUT OF NO-WHERE TO CHAL-LENGE HIM !

IS ONE THAT HAS NO FEAR OF DEATH AT ALL!

THIS MONSTER ...

THAT FOE'S NAME IS

AKAGI SHIGERU!!

AND EVEN MORE FRIGHTENING THAN THAT,

HE SHOWS NO HESITATION IN STRIKING BACK AT THE UNACCUSTOMED HUNTER!!

AKAGI SHIGERU GIVES CHASE!

WITH HIS GUN POINTED RIGHT BACK AT HIM,

EEYA!!

THE ONE WHO CAN FINALLY MAKE THE HUNTER BECOME THE HUNTED!

EEK!

HII!!!

HOW ?!?!

WHY ...?!

HOW ...?!

HOW CAN THIS MAN EVEN EXIST?!

HE... THIS MAN WAS SENT FROM THE VERY DEPTHS OF HELL THEM-SELVES ...!

I CAN'T DEAL ANY OF THEM!!

MY SOUZU TILES ...

RRR RRR ...

AUGH...

GH...

IN THE END ...

AH...

AHHHH ...!!

SUZUKI DID HIS BEST, BUT COULD ONLY BACK WASHIZU UP BY KEEPING HIM OUT OF FOURTH PLACE...

HE LOST WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO FIGHT BACK...!

AND THEN, SUBSE-QUENTLY, WAS DEFEATED AGAIN IN THE FOURTH ROUND.

GGGHHH ...

GHH ...

WASHIZU WAS BACKED INTO A CORNER AND DOMIN-ATED IN THE 3RD ROUND.

TAN YAO, ONE DORA.

2900.

RON.

AT THE END OF THE THIRD ROUND, WASHIZU WAS DOWN BY 18000 POINTS, AND HIS UMA PENALTY FOR THIRD PLACE WAS 10,000 POINTS.

IN OTHER WORDS, WASHIZU LOST A TOTAL OF 28,000 POINTS IN THAT ROUND.

IN ADDITION, THE ADDED BONUS FOR TSUMOS AND DIRECT HITS WAS 18,000 IN THE THIRD ROUND, AND 7,000 IN THE FOURTH!

WITH THAT,

AKAGI'S DOMINATING LEAD WAS NOT DIMINISHED. HIS POINT DIFFERENCE OVER WASHIZU WAS 107,000 IN THE THIRD ROUND, AND 63,000 IN THE FOURTH ROUND, MAKING FOR A 170,000 POINT LEAD OVERALL!

CONTINUING ON, IN THE FOURTH ROUND, TOO, WASHIZU WAS LEFT IN THE DUST IN 2ND PLACE, WITH A BALANCE OF -2000 POINTS.

THE UMA BONUS OF 10,000 BOOSTED HIM TO +8000, BUT EVEN WITH THAT,

CONJURES AS 195 MILLION YEN, STRAIGHT FROM WASHIZU'S LIFE FUNDS!

SPECIFIC-ALLY, THAT AMOUNT CONVERTED FROM POINTS TO YEN...

EVEN WITHOUT TAKING THE 1ST AND 2ND ROUNDS INTO ACCOUNT, AMOUNTS TO A VICTORIOUS 195,000 POINTS!

HIS DIF-FERENCE OVER WASHIZU FOR THE 1ST AND SECOND ROUNDS ...

THAT MEANS THAT WASHIZU'S TOTAL LOSS AMOUNTS TO...

BUT NOW, THE 500 MILLION YEN THAT WASHIZU SAT UPON AT THE START

GARGANTUAN SUM OF 500 MILLION YEN LOOKED LIKE A RATHER UNREASON-ABLE GOAL TO REACH...

IN THE BEGIN-NING, THAT MAS-SIVE,

313.5 MILL-ION YEN ...!

HAS ALMOST ENTIRELY ABANDONED WASHIZU, AND MIGRATED TO AKAGI'S POCKETS!

WASHIZU'S MASSIVE FUNDS HAVE SHRUNKEN TO ONLY 186.5 MILLION YEN...!!

IT IS NOW LESS THAN 200 MIL...!

HAS ALREADY TAKEN OVER 3 HOURS.
THIS BATTLE WHERE BOTH PARTIES BET THEIR OWN DOWNFALL ...
AKAGI VS WASHI-ZU

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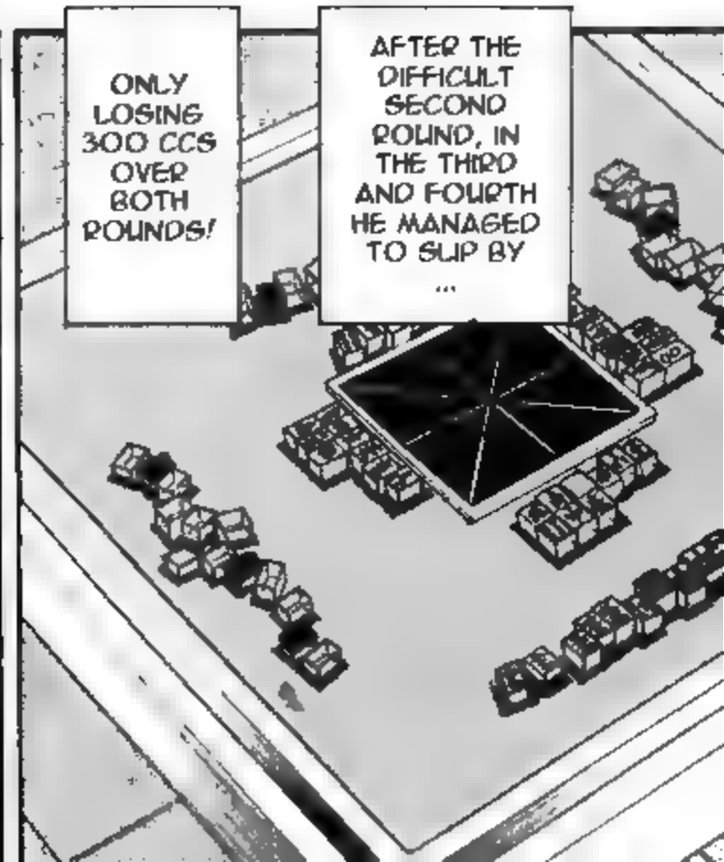
HAVE FINALLY SHOT BELOW 200 MILLION, HE IS ONLY LEFT WITH 186.5 MILLION ...!!
HIS LIFE SAVINGS OF 500 MILLION YEN

WASHIZU HAS LOST ALL FOUR OF THE MATCHES TO THIS POINT!

HE HAS MIRACULOUSLY SURVIVED!
ALSO, HE ONLY LOST 1400 OF HIS 2000 CCS OF BLOOD...

HIS EARNINGS AMOUNT TO A GRAND 313.5 MILLION!
AKAGI CURRENTLY HAS 3/5 OF THAT 500 MILLION

THE MIRACULOUS GIFT THAT THIS GENIUS POSESSES HAS BEEN UNCOVERED AND PUT ON DISPLAY!
TRULY, HE HAS KEPT WASHIZU OFF HIS TAIL, AND STOPPED HIM FROM WINNING COMPLETELY!
HE HAS THE WINDS OF CHANCE ON HIS SIDE!


ONLY LOSING 300 CCS OVER BOTH ROUNDS!
AFTER THE DIFFICULT SECOND ROUND, IN THE THIRD AND FOURTH HE MANAGED TO SLIP BY ...

ON THE OTHER HAND...

DARK CLOUDS LOOM OVER WASHIZU'S PARTY...

NO... ACTUALLY ...

THIS IS A DIFFICULT SITUATION ...

.....

SIGNS OF DEFEAT SHOW THEM-SELVES ...!

RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE THE OPTION OF...

NATU-RALLY,

CONTINUING THE MATCH INTO THE 5TH AND 6TH ROUNDS ...

IS THIS WHOLE THING OVER?!

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE LETHAL LIMIT OF 2000 CCS OF DRAWN BLOOD...

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY ...

IT WOULD SIMPLY BE AN UNREASONABLE DECISION!

BUT THAT'S FAR TOO DANGEROUS ...!

NOT EVEN A MANGAN... EVEN A DIRECT HIT WITH A 5200 POINT HAND COULD FINISH HIM OFF...

THAT IS ...

WE JUST NEED ONE FINAL PUSH ...

AT THIS POINT, SINCE THAT KID HAS ALREADY DRAWN 1400 CCS OF BLOOD...

THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE HE STILL HASN'T TRANSFUSED ANY BLOOD BACK AT ALL!

BUT ...

WE ONLY NEED TO PUSH A LITTLE BIT MORE FOR A FINISHING BLOW ...

THAT IS TO SAY, RIGHT HERE AND NOW...

IN OTHER WORDS ...

INTENTIONALLY CREATED OUR CURRENT DIFFICULT PREDICIMENT, AND SITS THERE CALMLY, EVEN NOW...!

THAT GUY, HE STILL ...

THE DIFFERENCE HERE IS THAT WE CAN'T BE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE PUSHED RIGHT BACK...!

THERE'S NOTHING ELSE IT CAN BE BUT AN ILLUSION!

THAT IDEA OF "ONE FINAL PUSH" IS ALL A LIE!

IT IS ONLY THERE TO BECKON US TO OUR RUIN...

DE-MONIC "STRA-TEGY!

IT AIMS TO DRAG US INTO THE NEXT ROUNDS ...!

THIS IS AKAGI'S... THAT IS, THAT DEMON'S...

WE CANNOT ALLOW OUR-SELVES TO BE FOOLED ...!

ALTHOUGH WE'VE BEEN USING THE GLASS TILES SPECIAL TO WASHIZU MAHJONG TO THEIR FULLEST

THAT KID IS REALLY IMMEA-SURABLE ...

MAKING THAT MOVE WOULD BE CATASTRO-PHIC...!

THAT'S NO GOOD!

YOU'D THINK THAT A SINGLE WAIT MIGHT BE USEFUL ...

IN ALL THIS TIME, THAT BRAT HASN'T DEALT IN EVEN ONCE!!

E/N: A GENBUTSU TILE IS ONE THAT APPEARS SAFE BASED ON A PLAYER'S POND. SINCE THERE IS A SECOND POND IN WASHIZU MAHJONG, THE 1-PIN IN IT MAKES THIS WAIT A GENBUTSU

IN THE END ...

HE ABSOLUTELY WOULD NOT DEAL IT

BUT EVEN STILL ...

IN THE SECOND ROUND, HE WAS EVEN WAITING ON A GENBU-TSU TILE!

CLOSED WAITS... END WAITS.

ANY OF THESE WOULD USUALLY BE GOOD WAITS...

HE REALLY IS SOME KIND OF DEMON ...!

CAN THIS REALLY BE POSSIBLE ...?!

HAS ALL COME FROM WASHIZU-SAMA'S TSUMOS ...!

ALL THE BLOOD HE'S LOST OVER THESE FOUR ROUNDS ...

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...ALTHOUGH ...

AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY THESE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE HOPELESS!

YEAH ...

THAT WOULD BE 600 CCS STRAIGHT FROM AKAGI ...!

LAND A DEALER HANEMAN BY TSUMO ...

AND WASHIZU-SAMA MANAGES TO QUICKLY

IF IN THE NEXT MATCH, THE FIFTH ROUND, THINGS GO WELL ...

AKAGI WOULD DIE!!

EVERY DROP OF HIS 2000 CCS WOULD BE DRAWN ...!

IT WOULD BE HIS VICTORY ...!

WASHIZU-SAMA WOULD BE RESSURECTED ...!

ALL OF OUR LOSSES WOULD BE WIPED AWAY IN AN INSTANT...!

IF SUCH A THING WERE TO HAPPEN ...

THE OPPONENT WOULD BE DRAINED OF BLOOD ...

SUCH A THING COULD REALLY HAPPEN ...!

IT'S ENTIRELY POS-SIBLE ...

YEAH ...

THAT OLD SAYING... "A DROWNING MAN WILL CATCH AT EVEN A STRAW"...

THAT SORT OF THINKING IS JUST LIKE...

NO, NO NO ...!!

NO ...

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IT WOULD JUST SEND US SPIRALING DOWN A WHIRLPOOL, DESPITE OUR PLEAS TO GOD...!

WE'D REACH FOR ANY SLIVER OF HOPE THAT LEADS BACK TO NORMAL, NO MATTER HOW SMALL ...

AND BE-SIDES ...

THAT KIND OF THINKING IS THE WORST! WE CAN'T DO THAT!

THAT SORT OF THING ...

WE MUST NOT DO IT ...

THE OPPOSITE HAPPENING IS EXTREMELY LIKELY... MUCH MORE SO, IN FACT!

WITH A DIRECT HIT HANEMAN FROM WASHIZU ...

AND QUICK-LY COM-PLETE HIS HAND ...

IF IN THE FIFTH ROUND, AKAGI WERE TO RUSH IN ...

PUT ANOTHER WAY ...

RIGHT IN THE EAST 1ST ROUND!

AKAGI COULD BUILD BACK HIS LOST 1400 CCS...

AH...! IN THAT SPACE OF TIME ...

NEARLY ALL OF HIS BLOOD !!

IF SO, THEN THAT WOULD BE ...

HE COULD GET BACK ALL OF HIS LOST BLOOD, THEN AND THERE...!

THAT'S HIS AIM ...

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WE COULD ONLY BARELY TAKE THOSE 1400 CCS FROM HIM...

UP TO THE FOURTH HANCHAN ...

VICTORY WOULD BE MILES AWAY, FURTHER THAN WE COULD EVEN SEE!

HE'D BE IN THE CLEAR ...!!

FIRST OF ALL ...

HOW COULD WE TAKE BACK ALL 2000 CCS OF THE LETHAL LIMIT IN ONLY TWO ROUNDS...?!

AND MORE-OVER, HOW ...

LOSES ABSOLUTELY ANY BLOOD AT ALL,

IF HE ...

HE CAN USE ANY TACTICS HE LIKES TO STAY IN THE GAME!

FROM THE FIFTH ROUND ON,

THERE'S NO LIMIT!!

HE CAN TRANS-FUSE IT ALL BACK AT ONCE!

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IF THAT HAPPENS, THEN WASHIZU-SAMA...

HE CAN'T LOSE!

IT'S NO GOOD ...

IT WOULD BE VERY SENSIBLE TO QUIT HERE AND NOW!

YES, RIGHT HERE!

IT SHOULD END HERE ...

WON'T HAVE EVEN A 1% CHANCE AT VICTORY!

IS MUCH TOO RECK-LESS!

THAT KIND OF GAMBLING ...

WE CAN'T EXPECT THINGS LIKE RACKING UP, DEALER TURNS TO HAPPEN ...

STAR-TING FROM THE BEGIN-NING,

IT WOULD BE STUPID!

IT'S RECKLESS ... CLOSE TO SUICIDAL!!

IN MODERN TIMES, THIS 300 MILLION WOULD EQUATE TO 3 BILLION.

LOSING 300 MILLION YEN HERE IS REGRETTABLE, BUT ...

STILL ...

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WE HAVE NO CHOICE!

RIGHT NOW ...

HE WOULD HAVE TAKEN ALL 500 MILLION ...!

IN A NORMAL MATCH,

IT'S STILL 200 MILLION!

LOOKING AT THE BRIGHT SIDE,

WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THAT.

IT CAME N'HANDY... HAVING THIS CHANCE EVERY TWO ROUNDS'

IT'S GOOD THAT WE THOUGHT OF A PRE-CAUTION

MORE-OVER, WE'VE SUR-VIVED!

THE 200 MILLION WE HAVE IS STILL HUGE!!

A FINE PLAY INDEED!

THIS PRIVEL-EGE PROVED USEFUL ...

WHETHER OR NOT TO KEEP PLAYING!

BEING ABLE TO DECIDE EVERY TWO ROUNDS ...

BEING ABLE TO MAKE THIS CHOICE WAS A PRICELESS DECISION ...!

LOOKING BACK ON IT...

IN-VALU-ABLE ...!

ALTHOUGH INJURED, WE -- MANAGED TO PULL THROUGH!

WE WERE ABLE TO SURVIVE

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PART OF IT WAS THE MONEY ...

BUT ONE OF MY ARMS WOULD'VE BEEN GONE, Y'KNOW?

TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I'M PRET-TY RE-LIEVED

MORE THAN.

IT'S ENOUGH!

HMM?

STOP TALKING NON-SENSE.

CON-GRA-TU-LA-TIONS!

CON-GRA-TU-LA-TIONS!

IT'S SUCH A RELIEF TO FINALLY BE DONE WITH ALL THIS!

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THIS BATTLE HAS ENDED.

THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL PUSH THE GAME INTO THE 5TH AND 6TH ROUNDS ...

I'D SAY ...

WE STILL GOT THIS MUCH ...

IT'S TOO BAD WE COULDN'T MAKE IT OUT WITH ALL 500 MILLION, BUT...

WELL ...

I'D SAY IT'S JUST ABOUT OVER.

WA-SHIZU WILL KEEP IT GO-ING.

WE'RE NOT DONE HERE, JUST YET.

I... I MEAN ...

THAT'S JUST PLAIN IMPOS-SIBLE!

WHAAAAT?!

NO WAY!!

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WASHI-ZU IS COM-PLETELY EXHAUS-TED!

JUST LOOK AT HIM!

NOT RIGHT NOW, THE WAY THINGS ARE.

OF COURSE NOT.

HM- HM- HMM ...

HELL, HE CAN'T SO MUCH AS STAND UP AS HE IS!!

HE'S GOT NO SPIRIT LEFT IN HIM!

FROM OUR SIDE.

HE NEEDS A COMP- ROMISE

EXCEPT ...

RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT, THERE'S NO POINT IN CONTINUING THE MATCH ONWARD ...

TO PUT IT ONE WAY,

WELL ...

HM- HMM ...

... HUH?

THE WINS I'VE MADE TO NOW ...

THAT'S HARDLY A-

TO END THE GAME AS IT IS.

IT SIMPLY WOULD NOT BE FAIR ...

OF WASHI-ZU'S CARE-LESS-NESS.

HAVE ALL BEEN DIRECT HITS, TAKING ADVAN-TAGE

HUH ...?

GOT CAUGHT IN THEM ...

THE OLD GUY ...

I CAUGHT HIM BY SUP-RISE.

THAT IS TO SAY, THEY WERE KIND OF SNEAK ATTACKS ...

AND HE BECAME UNABLE TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST ME.

IN OTHER WORDS ...

HE COULD FIND NO WAY TO RECOVER FROM THAT,

HE WAS CAUGHT IN MY TRAPS AT THAT POINT.

AND FELL TO ROCK BOTTOM ON HIS OWN.

BUT, IF WE KEEP COMING FOR HIM, THEN IN THE FIFTH AND SIXTH ROUNDS ...

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WASHIZU HASN'T BROUGHT OUT HIS FULL POWER YET.

IT'LL BECOME A REAL MAN-TO-MAN BATTLE BETWEEN THE TWO OF US.

EVERYTHING WILL BE DIFFERENT.

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A REAL STANDOFF ...

WASHIZU AT HIS BEST.

I WANT TO SEE THAT SIDE OF HIM ...

OR FEELINGS OF DEGRAD-ATION LEFT.

THERE WON'T BE ANY KINDS OF CARE-LESSNESS

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I'LL HAVE LOST THAT CHANCE.

THE REAL WASHI-ZU, IN HIS PRIME.

I'LL HAVE LEFT HERE WITH-OUT EVER HAVING SEEN ...

IF I DON'T SEE THAT,

SEEING HIM AS HE IS NOW, IN A WAY,

MAKES HIM LOOK LIKE ..

THE OLD GUY

IT WOULD END WITHOUT HIS TRUE NATURE.. HIS POWER, BEING REVEALED TO US.

THE RINGLEADER, WASHIZU ...

IS THAT POSSIBLE?

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I EVEN THOUGHT OF HIM LIKE THAT AT ONE POINT.

A SQUEA-MISH RAT ...

BUT ...

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR SOMEONE LIKE THAT TO HAVE SUCH A LOFTY TITLE?

TO RISE UP AND BE DECLARED THE KING OF THE UNDERWORLD IN ONLY ONE GENERATION? TO BE FEARED...

FOR THAT LITTLE MAN... THAT RAT...

WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO PUSH THEMSELVES INTO SUCH A HIGH POSITION SO QUICKLY

A MERE COMMONER

HERE'S A HINT: IT ISN'T.

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THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIM!

THERE IS SOMETHING MORE, DEEP DOWN INSIDE HIM.

THERE IS SOMETHING OTHER THAN THE TINY, FEARFUL RAT WE SEE NOW.

AT WASHIZU'S CORE,

THAT TRUE IDENTITY OF HIS.

AND SO, WE NEED TO SURFACE IT...

WASHIZU'S TRUE FORM.

AKAGI!!

HIS SOURCE ... HIS ORIGIN.

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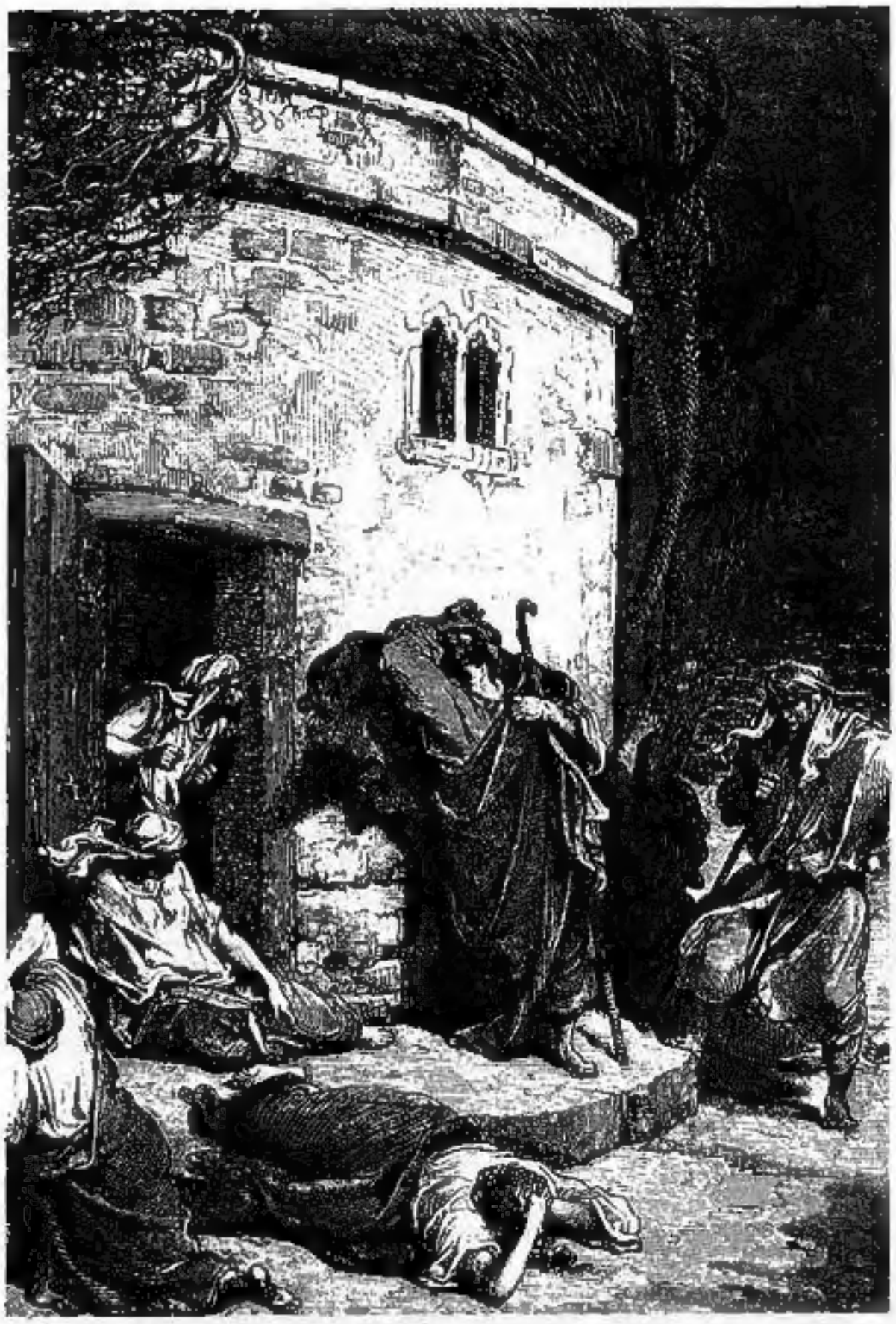

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